

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is being submitted in Reply to the Examiner's answer in which claim 7 was indicated to be directed to allowable subject and is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

I. Introduction

Claims 2-5, 7, 9-13, 16-18, and 32-37 are pending in the application. Claim 7 stands allowed. The remaining pending claims stand rejected.

II. Discussion of the Amendments

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 7 to further clarify the claim, and has made amendments to incorporate features similar to those which the Examiner indicated rendered claim 7 allowable into the other independent claims. In amending the claims Applicant has tried to clarify the claims while revising them to take into consideration the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

With regard to claim 7 the Examiner indicated that the language "determining the location of the user device from edge router and port information obtained from an edge router" appeared to distinguish the claim over the applied references.

Applicant has amended claim 7 to recite, in pertinent part:

determining the location of the user device **from edge router information and port information obtained from an edge router identified by said edge router information, and** wherein determining the location of the user device includes performing a database lookup operation to retrieve a geographic location stored in association with said edge router information and said port information.

Applicant believes that the above amendment which is supported by the original specification clarifies claim 7 while still rendering claim 7 patentable over the applied references for the same reason original claim 7 was considered to be patentable.

Taking into consideration the Examiner's indication of the allowable feature of claim 7, **Applicant has amended the other independent claims to include language which is believed to render them patentable for the same reasons claim 7 is allowable.**

In view of the amendments all of the independent claims are allowable for the same or similar reasons that claim 7 is allowable. Claims which depend from each of the amended independent claims are allowable as they depend from an allowable independent claim.

III. Conclusion

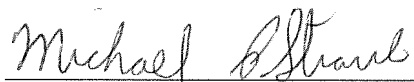
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone to discuss the amendment if the Examiner believes additional changes need to be made to render the application allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.¹ Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made and any required fee in regard to the extension or this amendment is authorized to be charged to the deposit account of Straub & Pokotylo, deposit account number 50-1049.

Respectfully submitted,

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^[1] As Applicant's remarks with respect to the Examiner's rejections are sufficient to overcome these rejections, Applicant's silence as to assertions by the Examiner in the Office Action or certain requirements that may be applicable to such rejections (e.g., whether a reference constitutes prior art, ability to combine references, assertions as to patentability of dependent claims) is not a concession by Applicant that such assertions are accurate or such requirements have been met, and Applicant reserves the right to analyze and dispute such in the future.